

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 383  
By Holcomb

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John C. Yeary of Bristol.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of John C. Yeary; and

WHEREAS, a Bristol, Tennessee, resident for more than 44 years, Mr. Yeary was a faithful and devoted citizen of this state; he was widely respected and he was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, born August 30, 1914, Mr. Yeary began his meritorious life in St. Charles, Virginia, where he graduated from St. Charles High School in 1932; upon graduation, Mr. Yeary enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeary served as a supervisor in both the chemical and coal mining industries and was employed as a regional sales manager for a cosmetics firm later in his career; a man with a great entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Yeary also owned and operated his own restaurant and grocery store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeary will be forever remembered as a remarkable public servant; he was very involved in local, state and national politics and gave unreservedly of himself to the Republican party; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeary served for many years as a polling judge in the Avoca Precinct, a Republican precinct member, and a Precinct Chairman; he gave unselfishly of his time and talents to the Sullivan County Republican Organization, presiding as Vice Chairman of the active body and 1st Legislative District Vice Chairman in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeary was a valuable asset to Sullivan County and the Bristol community; always striving to perpetuate the public good, Mr. Yeary served on the Bristol, Tennessee, Housing Authority from 1990 until his death and was Chairman of the Stone Castle Stadium Renovation Committee from 1991 until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeary was an active and devout member of the Addilyn Memorial United Methodist Church in Bristol; he was an astute member of the building, finance, and long-range planning committees and served as president of his Sunday school class; and

WHEREAS, for more than 55 years, Mr. Yeary enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Hughes; making his family the center of his life, he was the proud father of Mary Beth Hughes and grandfather of three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mr. Yeary leaves behind as an outstanding leader and tireless public servant, devout family man and loyal friend, will be remembered and treasured for years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of John C. Yeary of Bristol, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the Bristol community, Sullivan County and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Yeary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.